

Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

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Product Name: Full View™ and UltraView™ Bahama Shutters

Manufacturer: Town & Country Industries
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General Description:

Bahama shutters are constructed from 6063 T6 extruded aluminum alloy with a minimum $F_y = 25$ ksi. The shutter assembly may be raised into an open position. The shutter assembly must be lowered into the closed position during a hurricane event. The shutters may be installed as a single panel configuration or as a multi panel configuration. The multi panel configuration has an unlimited width if a storm bar is not used. When the storm bar is utilized, the maximum width is limited as specified in the approved drawings. The shutters may be secured to wood, concrete, or hollow concrete block wall construction.

Limitations:

Design Drawings:

"Fullview & Ultraview Bahama Shutter;" Town & Country Industries; Drawing No. 20-24244.6; Sheets 1 thru 6 of 6; issued December 15, 2009; revised June 24, 2020; signed, sealed, and dated November 23, 2020 by Frank L. Bennardo, P.E. The stated drawings will be referred to as approved drawings in this report.

Shutter Configurations:

- Single Panel Span shutters
- Multi Panel Span shutters

Wall Construction: The Bahama shutters may be mounted to the following types of wall framing:

- Concrete, cast-in-place concrete (minimum compressive strength required specified in drawings)
- Hollow block concrete masonry units (CMU)
- Wood (minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber; G=0.42)

Mounting Conditions: The Bahama shutters may be wall mounted, trap mounted, or built out. Refer to the approved drawings for specific mounting conditions.

Allowable Design Pressure: The maximum allowable design pressure rating is +78 psf, -95 psf. Refer to the approved drawing for specific design pressure requirements. **Note:** The shutters must be in a closed and locked position to achieve the allowable design pressure rating.

Maximum Shutter Span:

- The maximum allowable shutter span is 96-3/4". Refer to the approved drawings for specific allowable span requirements.

Maximum Width:

- The maximum allowable slat span for single span configurations is 53-1/2".
- The maximum allowable slat span for multi span configurations is 38".
- For multi span configurations, if a storm bar is used, then the maximum width is 122-1/2".
- For multi span configurations, if a storm bar is not used, then the width of the assembly is unlimited.

Beam: A beam may be installed horizontally across the front of the multi panel configuration shutter assemblies. The beam is located at mid span of the shutter assembly as shown on the approved drawing. An optional beam may be installed horizontally at the bottom of the multi panel configuration shutter assembly. The beams are secured to the wall framing as specified in the approved drawings.

Minimum Separation from Glass: The shutter system is a non-porous impact protective system. There is no minimum separation of glazing. The shutters may not be installed on essential facilities as defined in the IBC.

Product Identification: The shutter assembly has a permanent label that indicates the manufacturer (Town & Country Industries); the name of the product (Fullview Bahama Shutter); the missile level (9 lb Missile Level D); the test standards: ASTM E 330; ASTM E 1886, ASTM E 1996; and the TDI product evaluation report number (SHU-175).

Compliance: The shutters comply with ASTM E 330-14, ASTM E 1886-13a, and ASTM E 1996-14a.

Impact Resistance: This shutter assembly satisfies the Texas Department of Insurance's criteria for protection from windborne debris. The assembly passed a missile level equivalent to Missile Level D specified in ASTM E 1996-14a. The assembly may be installed at any height on the structure as long as the design pressure rating for the assembly is not exceeded. The shutters may not be installed on essential facilities as defined in the IBC.

Installation:

General Installation Requirements: The shutters must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, the approved drawings, and this product evaluation report. Copies of the approved drawings must be available on the jobsite during inspection of the shutter assembly.

Anchorage: The shutters must be anchored to the structure in accordance with the approved drawings. Anchorage of the shutters to concrete, hollow CMU, and wood wall framing must follow the mounting conditions and fastener options specified on the approved drawings referenced in this evaluation report.

Note: Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions available on the job site during the installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC and the IBC.